

least 24 months before the expiration of the existing license for the project may not file an application for new license, nonpower license, or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

(b) *Licenses not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.* (1) An existing licensee with a license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that informs the Commission that it does not intend to file an application for subsequent license or exemption for a project, as required by § 16.6, may not file an application for subsequent license or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

(2) An existing licensee with a license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act that fails to file an application for subsequent license or exemption for a project by the deadlines specified in § 16.20(c) may not file an application for subsequent license or exemption for the project, either individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project.

§ 16.25 Disposition of a project for which no timely application is filed following a notice of intent to file.

(a) If an existing licensee that indicates in the notice filed pursuant to § 16.6 that it will file an application for new license, nonpower license, subsequent license, or an exemption does not file its application individually or in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of the project at least 24 months before its existing license expires in the case of licenses subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act, or by the deadlines specified in § 16.20(c) in the case of licenses not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act, and no other applicant files an application within the appropriate time or all pending applications filed before the applicable filing deadline are subsequently rejected or dismissed pursuant to § 4.32 of this chapter, the Commission will publish in the FEDERAL REG-

ISTER and once in a daily or weekly newspaper published in the county or counties in which the project or any part thereof or the lands affected thereby are situated, notice soliciting applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee.

(b) A potential applicant that files a notice of intent within 90 days from the date of the public notice issued pursuant to paragraph (a):

(1) May apply for a license under Part I of the Federal Power Act and part 4 of this chapter (except § 4.38) within 18 months of the date on which it files its notice; and

(2) Must comply with the requirements of § 16.8 and, if the project would have a total installed capacity of over 2,000 horsepower, § 16.10.

(c) The existing licensee must file a schedule for the filing of a surrender application for the project, for the approval of the Director of the Office of Energy Projects, 90 days:

(1) After the due date established for any notice of intent issued under paragraph (a), if no notices of intent were received; or

(2) After the due date for any application filed under paragraph (b)(1), if no application has been filed.

(d) Any application for surrender must be filed according to the approved schedule, must comply with the requirements of § 16.8 and part 6 of this chapter, and must provide for disposition of any project facility.

§ 16.26 Disposition of a project for which no timely application is filed following a notice of intent not to file.

(a) If an existing licensee indicates in the notice filed pursuant to § 16.6 that it will not file an application for new license, nonpower license, subsequent license, or exemption and no other applicant files an application at least 24 months before the existing license expires in the case of licenses subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act, or by the deadlines specified in § 16.20(c) in the case of licenses not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects will provide the existing licensee with written notice that